



Oil Pad Complex
Southern Area Type 2 Incident
Management Team
Wednesday, June 22, 2011 8:00 PM
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**Fire
Information:**

**Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to
8:00 p.m.**

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/oil-pad-fire-complex.htm>
www.inciweb.org

Current Status	<p>The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve located in Southwest Florida. The fires have burned a total of 10,524 acres of various Preserve habitats which include Pinelands, Sawgrass Prairie, Hardwood Hammocks, Cypress Domes and Strands. Overall, containment of the fires is 90 percent.</p> <p>Today, firefighters continued to keep the fires within their perimeters using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals, such as the Florida Panther and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers.</p>		
Planned Events	<p>Excess personnel and equipment began being released today in preparation for transition to a Type 3 organization by Friday. Many of the released resources were reassigned to other fires burning throughout the South. Focus shifted today from actively engaging the fires to patrolling and monitoring the areas to ensure no new growth. Crews will be monitoring by ground and air, and will engage as necessary.</p>		
Fire	Estimated acreage	Percent Containment	Start Date
Oil Pad	3,149	90	June 13
North	5,878	90	June 13
Bundscho South	1,408	90	June 13
Kissimmee Billie	22	90	June 13
Corral	61	90	June 16
Green	5	90	June 17
Little	1	100	June 19
Number of Personnel	172		
Equipment	One large, one medium and two small helicopters, six engines.		
Cooperators	Florida Div. of Forestry, Seminole Tribe of Fla. and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.		
Restrictions and Closures	<p>A temporary flight restriction is in place for an 11 mile radius at 3,000 feet. The center of the flight restriction is located at 26° 06' 55" N and 81° 13' 38" W, near the intersection of highway I-75 and Turner River Road.</p> <p>Access to Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake is closed to all backcountry activity. Due to the Oil Pad Fire Complex an emergency closure is in effect for the Bear Island Unit. This closure consists of the following trails and access points: Bear Island Access from Turner River Road, and Walk in access points, which includes -- Bear Island Grade from Hwy 29 and mile marker 70 along I-75. This closure encompasses all of the trails and the Bear Island Campground. All backcountry activity, including hiking and biking is restricted. A 60-day recreational ORV closure throughout the preserve remains in effect.</p>		
Fire Weather	<p>Partly cloudy increasing to overcast with a 50% chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Temperatures will reach 93-97 with 45%-50% humidity. Light easterly winds 5 to 8 mph with an east and west coast sea breeze developing in the afternoon.</p>		